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Monday June 16th 1777.

Present as on Saturday, except M^r Sim and M^r Rogers. M^r Lloyd attended.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Roger Semmes eight pounds, nine shillings, and three pence, for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Thomas Price One Thousand Dollars on Acc^t of the second Regiment

Daniel Bryan appointed Master of the Galley Conqueror and Commission issued.

Cesar Lefrank second Lieutenant of the Conqueror and Commissioned

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John David forty four pounds fourteen shillings and three pence for Balance of Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John David the further sum of one hundred Pounds on Account

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[Council to J. David.]

In Council Annapolis 16th June 1777Cap^t David.

As you inform us that the Conqueror is now fit for Service, we are desirous that her Efforts may be exerted to clear the North Channel of the Capes of the armed Vessels which we are informed have lately infested it, we presume you are stronger than any of them. We learn that the Frigate Virginia lies in York River, wherefore you will first go there, advise with Cap^t Nicholson as to your Plan, from him get Assistance in Men, if necessary, and act in Concert with any Force that he may have the Direction of. We expect that some of the Virginia Galleys may probably join you, but we do not intend by this Instruction to take from you or your Officers, any Part of the Command on Board your own Galley, but only that you act as one Vessel, if any join you, under the general Command of the oldest or superior Officer, if any older or superior to yourself. If the Virginia is gone, so that you cannot consult with Cap^t Nicholson it will be well, if you can, to get one or more of the Virginia Gallies to join you. Get a good Pilot or two, if to be had; write us, if any Opportunity and by all Means cultivate a good Understanding with those who act with you, and remember that nothing can be more dishonorable than Disputes about Punctilio's so big with Disgrace & Ruin to our Cause and Country. We expect your Stay to be but short, we rely on your Discretion and wish you Success and Honor.

We are &c.

Capt John David